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THE PICK O'THE DAHLIAS AND GLADIOLI



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OAKLAND CALIFORNIA

In presenting to you my 1926 Catalogue, I have listed only such varieties as I know from personal observation and tests to be worthy of a place in your garden.

Each year I test out many new creations, discarding all that are not up to the standard established by me to have a place in my catalogue.

THE PICK O' THE DAHLIAS

The descriptions are as accurate as is possible to describe a Dahlia, but some allowance must be made for climatic conditions and situation.

As to stock: I know of very few growers who harvest their tubers as I do, and only a few situations where climatic conditions will allow this method. My Dahlias are not lifted until February (think of it), allowing the tuber to come to full maturity, not as to size, but in substance. A tuber full of life and energy, ready to give forth its best the first season. A comparison will prove my assertion.

As to prices: They are as low as first-class stock can be sold for to allow a legitimate profit to the grower. Why try to save a few cents, to be disappointed after you have nourished a plant for several months from some half-dead or shriveled-up tuber? Satisfied customers from all parts of the world write me year after year of the wonderful results of my stock.

I exercise every care to ship only first-class stock, but give no warrant, expressed or implied, and will not be responsible for the results of planting.

I will gladly make replacement or refund purchase price of any bulb or tuber that does not prove true to name or does not arrive in growing condition.

TERMS: Cash with order. All orders prepaid, and filled in proper time for planting.

I do not substitute unless directed to do so. If a mistake should happen—and I am only human—tell me, not your neighbor. I'll appreciate it.

To those that are unacquainted with the different classes and varieties of Dahlias, I would suggest that you leave the selection to me. Send the amount of money you wish to expend and, in appreciation of your confidence, I will treat you liberally as to quantity and quality.

Please write your name and address plainly.

J. L. CALLAGHAN

3408 Webster Street

Oakland, California

I would appreciate the names and addresses of your friends interested in Dahlias and Gladiolus.

AL KORAN (California Decorative)—Yellow suffused with golden rod and amber. The petals of this flower have the marcelle wave, which makes it very attractive\$3.00
ALBERT WARD (Peo.)—An exceptionally large peony flower, well formed and a free bloomer. Good stems. Color a beautiful shade of light rosolane purple at tips of petals shading darker at base
AMBASSADOR (American Cactus)—Soft yellow buff, shaded salmon pink. The flowers are pleasing form and of enormous size. These splendid flowers are held erect on strong stems above the foliage, are excellent keepers for exhibition or cut flowers. Stock limited
AMBER GLOW (Cactus)—Huge blooms with long, straight and narrow petals. Color: Bright yellow, deepening to pale orange at the center. Excellent for exhibiting and beautiful for cutting
AMUN RA (California Decorative)—Is a glorious contribution to the color scheme of the dahlia kingdom. It is a decorative of great size, in richest shades of coppery bronze. The stems are long and stiff, and the flower keeps splendidly. Each\$1.50
ANNA MAIER (California Decorative)—A huge decorative of a most peculiar coloring, a pinkish red, varying to soft yellowish red towards the center. Blooms well above the foliage on long wiry stems. Each
ARTHUR TWITCHETT (California Cactus)—Classed by originator as American Cactus. This variety is a very strong grower, the flowers are large with petals incurving, color white, delicately shaded with pale pink, stems erect. Each\$1.50
AZALEA (California Decorative)—Large, unusually attractive bloom formed of many rows of long, narrow petals, giving it an uncommon shape. The color is creamy yellow, with the outer row of petals tinged pink. Good stems
BASHFUL GIANT (Decorative)—The gigantic blooms are excellent for exhibition where size is one of the requisites; it is also a great merit for its beautiful color, being an apricot with golden shadings. Should be in every exhibition collection\$2.00
BALLET GIRL (California Cactus)—This is one of the most striking Dahlias in our gardens. Some of the flowers are orange edged white, others are pure orange, and still others a variation of white and orange all on the same bush. A splendid cut flower, and there is no better for exhibition. Each
BETTY BIRD (California Hybrid Show)—Received the Gold Medal for the best three-year-old seedling at the Dahlia Society's exhibition at the Palace Hotel, 1918. A lovely soft pink, dwarf habit, very productive. Stock limited. Each
BILLIONAIRE (Peony)—This monster Peony is one of the largest of its type we have ever grown. The color is a beautiful shade of golden orange. Each
CALIFORNIA SUPERBA (California Decorative)—An immense bloom of a delicate shade of pink, without any blue, shading gradually into a white center. The stem is strong, holding the extremely large flower high above the beautiful foliage\$3.50
CARMELLO. (See illustration on page 3.)
CALIFORNIA ENCHANTRESS (California Hybrid Cactus)—A large bloom of good substance. A beautiful shade of pink. Good stem. Each
CHAMPAGNE (California Decorative)—One of the best of recent introductions. The flowers are immense and the color is a beautiful shade of golden champagne, with chamois shadings. A wonderful free-bloomer. Good for both exhibition and cutting\$3.50
CIGARETTE (California Hybrid Cactus)—With us a perfect decorative. Base of petals orange red with white tips, being a fancy colored variety. Some flowers come red on some bushes. A wonderfully striking and popular Dahlia in our gardens.

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are strong and vigo	rous and produce	their flowers wit	th unusual freedom.	Each\$1.00

- DADDY BUTLER (California Hybrid Cactus)—A Dahlia of most perfect hybrid type, as the heavy petals roll closely. Color is a beautiful carmine rose. Flower is very large, with first-class stem.......\$2.50

- ELSIE DANIELS (H. C.) (Meachen & Sherman)—A new introduction for 1926. Received a certificate of merit. The color of this wonderful Dahlia is a pale violet orchid shade on the outer petals, which are long and shaggy, the center ones are white, making a most wonderful combination of colors. The habits of the plant are all that could be desired. It grows about four feet tall, and the stems are strong enough to hold extra large flowers erect above the foliage. Stock limited. Each. \$5.00



CARMELLO

Decorative - Hybrid Cactus

Another Californian to take its place amongst the best of our western creations. Received Certificate of Merit at Trial Gardens of the Dahlia Society of California

at Berkeley in 1925, and much admired at both Oakland and San Francisco Dahlia Shows. (Was not entered in competition.)

First blooms are a perfect Decorative, but later the petals twist to a magnificent Hybrid Cactus and hold a full center until the end of the season. While the flowers are large, they are very artistic. The color is a beautiful amaranth pink, and the extra large flowers of great depth on stout cane-like stems grow well above the foliage. A profuse bloomer and a wonderful keeper as a cut flower.

The pictures on the front and back pages of this catalogue give you other views of this magnificent flower. Each \$5.00

- GORGEGUS (California Peony)—This Dahlia named itself. It is gorgeous. The flowers are immense to the end of the season. The color yellow and bright scarlet. Stems exceedingly long and stiff. Wonderfully fine for garden, cutting and exhibition. Each \$2.00

- JOHN RIDING (Cactus)—Very large, claw shaped, red, perfectly rigid stems. Each..50c
- JUDGE MAREAN (Decorative)—In this large Dahlia there is a riot of blending color, ever changing as the flower ages. There is a glowing salmon pink, iridescent orange, yellow and pure gold, and the shades all blend most beautifully. The large, fine flower stands on a long, straight, strong stem facing the garden boldly. Each......\$1.50



PAUL MICHAEL

California Decorative

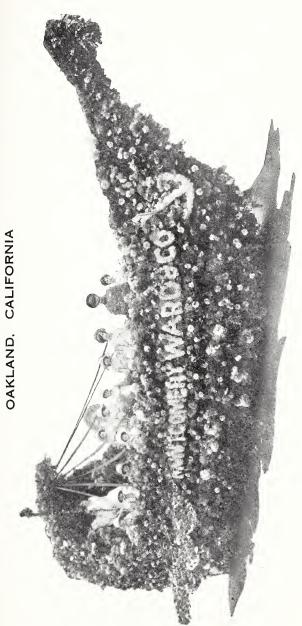
LA FAVORITA (California Hybrid Cactus)—A splendid new hybrid cactus variety unexcelled in form, type, growing and flowering qualities; distinct in color, which is a beautiful brilliant salmon, shading from a dark reddish salmon in the center to salmon pink at the twisted points. Form perfect, showing a full center, even late in the season. Each bloom carried on a strong stem. Each
LE GRAND LILAS (Peony)—Lavender shading to royal purple. Very large flower and excellent stem. Each
the Peony form. Very large, free flowering variety. Color same as Russel rose, but clearer. A beauty. Each
MABEL B. TAFT (California Decorative)—Yellow, suffused with pinkish apricot lighter in the center and shading deeper towards the outer petals. The flowers are composed of small, peculiarly shaped petals which give it a refined appearance. Are unusually free bloomer. Stems are perfect. This Dahlia has a wonderful record as a prize winner. Each
MAGENTA QUEEN (Staats) (California Decorative)—As the name implies, a beautiful magenta. Fine, large, full blooms with straight stems. Each
MARIPOSA (California Cactus)—A delightful shade of violet pink which is intensified by a violet suffusion deepening in the center. The veining of the petals heightens the beauty and increases the novelty of the coloring. This beautiful bloom of great depth and substance, having an extra long, stiff stem, is one of the best for exhibiting and for cutting. Stock limited. Each
MARY PURRIER (Cactus)—Large crimson scarlet flowers, stiff stems. One of the very best cactus raised. The flowers are of beautiful artistic formation and produced in great profusion all the season. Each
MATADOR (Hybrid Cactus)—Large and very graceful; beautiful old rose in color; stems long and strong. Fine exhibition flower. Each
MEYERBEER (Peony)—One of the largest flowers in commerce. Color is a dark cardinal with purplish center. Long, strong stems. This variety always attracts great attention from Dahlia lovers. Each
MIGNON (Peony)—Narrow, pointed petals, on the Hybrid Cactus order. Color lilad or mauve, changing to creamy white center. The blooms are very large and a pleasure to grow because of the fine stem, the mass of blooms produced and keeping qualities. Each
MILLIONAIRE (Decorative)—A most delicate lavender with a faint pink overshadowing it. The mammoth flower, of unusual depth, is held erect on good stem, and is a good keeper. Each
MISS WORN—A decorative that is equally good when grown in a cool or warm climate. Its chief characteristic is a long, stiff stem which grows out of the foliage. A

Its chief characteristic is a long, stiff stem which grows out of the foliage. A wonderful color of a coppery old rose. Flower is large, and it blooms freely. Each \$3.50

MRS. ELEANOR MARTIN—A new mulberry combination, old rose with a violet reverse and a suffusion of gold. Immense blooms with perfect stems. Stock limited. Each \$5.00

MRS. I. DE VER WARNER (Decorative)—A very large blossom of soft orchid coloring seldom seen in a Dahlia. A refined, lovely deep mauve pink, beautifully formed. This fine Dahlia, with its long, stiff stems, is a prolific bloomer and a wonderful cut flower. Each \$1.00

Floral Float of MONTGOMERY, WARD & CO.



FLORAL PARADE at OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST 30, 1925 Winner of First Prize for the Most Beautiful and Artistic Float in The picture gives but a slight conception of the beauty of this entry and is only shown to give another idea of the

DAHLIA FOR DECORATIVE PURPOSES

Dahlias were the only flowers used on this Float, and several thousand blooms were furnished from the garden of J. L. Callaghan.

MRS. CARL SALBACH (California Decora	tive)—American Dahlia Society's Certificate
	blooms on especially long, strong stems. A
perfect exhibition, as well as cut flower	Each 75c

- MRS. RICHARD LOHRMANN (California Hybrid Cactus)—A pure golden yellow Hybrid Cactus Dahlia of immense size, broad, curly petals; flowers high above the foliage, on long, upright stems. Excellent cut flower, and very floriferous. Each...\$1.00

- PAUL MICHAEL. (See illustration on page 5.)

- ROOKWOOD (California Decorative)—An entirely new shade of pink, which is more like the Russell rose than any other flower. It is a pure bright cerise rose. Large flowers with excellent stems. Low bushes producing masses of flowers all season. A continuous prize winner. Stock limited. Each \$4.00
- **SAN FRANCISCO** (California Hybrid Cactus)—Immense flowers of a reddish bronze, petals broad and twisted, carried on upright rigid stems high above the foliage. Awarded a Silver Medal at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. Each...75c

- **SHUDOW'S LAVENDER** (California Decorative)—Very large, silvery lavender, shading to white. The stems are perfect and hold the blooms high above the plant. The lavender becomes deeper late in the season. Excellent as a cut flower. Each......\$3.00

- THE GRIZZLY (California Decorative)—One of the very best novelties. A great dark, velvety maroon beauty. Flowers of immense size are held high above the fine foliage on extra strong stems. This is a wonderful prize-winning Dahlia. Each..\$1.00

- M. H. DE YOUNG—A splendid big flower of pure gold. Stem long and stiff. This variety excellent for cutting and beautiful for exhibition. Stock limited. Each...\$7.50

Dahlia Seed

I make a specialty of Dahlia Seed, gathered from a selected collection of the world's best Dahlias, planted separate and apart from my general display for seed purposes.

Our long growing season and rainless summers make it possible to fully mature and ripen even our full decorative varieties on the bush, something extremely difficult in sections where it is raining during the time seed should set.

If you are a grower or lover of the Dahlia, Gladiolus, Peony, Iris and Rose, you cannot afford to be without "The Flower Grower," published monthly by Madison Cooper, Calcium, New York. It is the leading floral magazine, and is full of information.

Pom Pom Dahlias

This collection consists of the best from England. Each variety is perfect in form and size for exhibition purposes. For cut flowers they will last five days in the home.

ADELAIDE—Blush, edged with lavender	350
AMBER QUEEN—Deep amber	350
BLUSH GEM—Pale pink, edged cerise	350
BOBBY—Plum	35 c
CHEERFULNESS—Old gold, tips crimson.	350
DAISY—Amber shading to apricot	50c
DOUGLAS TUCKER—Golden yellow, crimson center	50c
EDITH BRYANT—Yellow with bronze tips	50c
EILLEN—White, lavender tips	50c
EMILY HOOPER—A clear yellow; fine for decorative purposes	50c
EUREKA—Bronze, shading to yellow	50c
FAIRY QUEEN—A pretty Pom, sulphur yellow, edged pink	3 5 c
GIRLIE—Pinkish mauve	3 5 c
GLOW—Coral; one of the best for exhibition	50c
GRETCHEN HEINE—Blush white, with light rose tips	35 c
GUIDING STAR—White, quilled petals	25c
IDEAL—Yellow	50c
JESSICA—Golden yellow, purple edged and tipped	35 c
JOE FETTE—The smallest and graceful white; an ideal Pom	50c
JOHNNY—Deep crimson maroon	35 c
KITTY BARRETT—Golden yellow, purple edged	50c
LASSIE—Yellow base, rose tips	35c
LITTLE BEESWINC—Red, shading to yellow; fine form	50c
LITTLE BUGLER—Purple	50c
LITTLE DEAR—Old rose, shading to salmon; a California novelty	50c
LITTLE DONALD—Garnet: one of the best	50c

AND MANY OTHERS

BEGINNERS' COLLECTION

This year, to encourage a larger planting of Dahlias, and to those that are unacquainted with this magnificent flower and do not wish to expend any great sum on a trial, I make this unusual offer.

I will send prepaid Ten Dahlias of my own selection (not labeled) for Three Dollars. Just imagine the pleasure at blooming time trying to identify them from my descriptive catalogue. There will only be a limited number of these collections sold. First come, first served.

ADVANCED COLLECTION

To those who are now growing Dahlias and wish only named varieties I make this liberal offer. Ten tubers (my own selection) prepaid and all labeled for Five Doilars. A glance at my catalogue prices, even if I sent you all low-priced ones, which I will not, will convince you that this is an excellent buy.

GOLD MEDAL COLLECTION





These eight beautiful Dahlias, a part of the collection awarded the Gold Medal at the Alameda County Floral Society Dahlia Show: Al Koran, Amun Ra, California Superba, Champagne, J. M. Davies, Kitty Dunlap and Shudow's Lavender, catalogued at \$21.00, will be sent you prepaid for \$17.50.

Gladiolus

The stately habits and rich glowing colors of the modern Gladiolus, together with their excellent keeping qualities, render them exceedingly valuable for the garden and for house decorations.

Perhaps no other flower has been improved so much as the Gladiolus. From rather ordinary kinds of small size and little character there have been produced wonderful new varieties, many of which rival orchids in beauty.

The Gladiolus will thrive in almost any climate and any kind of soil. It is singularly free from disease and insect pests and is very easily grown.

- ANNA EBERIUS—This variety has created a sensation everywhere, with growers and amateurs alike. It will be one of the most grown varieties in the next few years; its coloring, growth and propagating is unexcelled. Dark velvety purple; throat deeper shade; flowers of large size, spikes 3 to 4 feet high; fine, long, well-set spikes.

 15c each; \$1.50 doz.
- ALTAIR—Extra tall, of finest salmon saffron. A grand color......10c each; \$1.00 doz.
- ANTHONY B. KUNDERD—Large, intensely ruffled. Delicate cream, with a beautiful pink blush. A lovely, refined flower, resembling an orchid.......35c each; \$3.50 doz.
- CRIMSON GLOW—A very wide open glowing crimson. The flowers are of fine form and exceedingly well placed on the spike. A vigorous grower and by far the best crimson _________15c each; \$1.50 doz.
- DIENER'S AMERICAN BEAUTY—Brilliant American Beauty color, with creamy yellow throat; one spike opening a large number of flowers at one time forms an immense bouquet of beauty; flowers 6 to 7 inches in diameter, spikes 4 to 5 feet high.

 25c each; \$2.50 doz.
- EARLY SNOWFLAKE—A very tall lily-like flower of rich creamy white, delicately tinted and flaked rose, with a tinge of yellow in throat. Very stately.

 15c each: \$1.50 doz.

GLADIOLUS

- FRANK J. SYMMES—Salmon-rose pink with red center, ruffled edges; flowers 4 inches in diameter, spikes 5 to 6 feet high. Should be in every collection.

 15c each; \$1.50 doz.

- HERADA—A beautiful large glistening mauve. The blooms are well placed on good straight spikes. By far the best in this color, and a very fine Gladiolus.

 10c each; \$1.00 doz.

- LOUISE—Large well opened orchid-like flower. In the color is an attractive bright blue one of the finest lavenders.

 15c each; \$1.50 doz.
- LE MARECHAL FOCH—The largest flowering Gladioli under cultivation today of the shade of "America," only brighter with the earliness of "Halley"

 10c each; \$1.00 doz.
- LLEWELLYN (Salbach)—A seedling of Pink Lily but much taller and of a lighter shade of rose pink with soft cream throat. Heavily ruffled.......\$1.00 each

GLADIOLUS

- MAURICE FULD—Large well expanded flowers of rich rose doree with a blotch of Tyrian rose on pure white throat. Very striking......\$2.00 each
- MARY PICKFORD—An extraordinary flower and spike of most delicate creamy-white. Throat finest soft sulphur-yellow. Stem and calix also white......15c each; \$1.50 doz.
- MRS. DR. NORTON—The color is delicate pink, shading to rose pink at tips of pointed petals. The lower petals are blotched sulphur yellow, outside of flower is rose. The beauty of this flower is in the soft harmonious blending of wonderful tints.

 20c each; \$2.00 doz.
- MRS. FRANK PENDLETON—Flushed salmon pink with rich maroon blotch on lower petals. A beautiful stately bloom. The plant is a vigorous grower and the spikes long and graceful. One of the finest................................8c each; 80c doz.
- MRS. FREDERICK C. PETERS—This wonderful stately new gladiolus was one of the outstanding features of our Test Gardens the past season. It is a beautiful shade of rose lilac with a soft crimson blotch, bordered white, on the lower petals. The blooms are slightly ruffled and many open at one time......35c each; \$3.50 doz.
- MRS. JOHN S. WOOD—One of the largest and tallest gladioli grown. Deep salmon pink shading to coral pink. Flaked scarlet with ruby dots in throat........\$1.50 each
- MR. MARK—One of the new light blues, with a dark spot......15c each; \$1.50 doz.
- MYRTLE—Tender, delicate rose pink. Spike long and slender. Because of the beautiful shade of pink, this Gladiolus is very popular with florists......15c each; \$1.50 doz.
- ORANGE GLORY—Kunderdii Glory type. Grand orange colored, with beautiful lighter throat. Very rich and striking color. Beautiful and distinct....15c each; \$1.50 doz.

- PINK WONDER (Kemp)—One of the largest and finest pink varieties ever introduced. It is a strong, vigorous grower with many massive flowers open at one time. The color is stippled pink edges over white ground, with a silvery sheen over the whole flower. The faint yellow shading at the base of the petals is overlaid with rose feathering. Very decorative, and a splendid Gladiolus for forcing.

 20c each; \$2.00 doz.

GLADIOLUS

- REAH (Salbach)—Rich mallow purple shading to mallow pink in center, deep velvety blotch almost black in throat. Large wide open blooms. A very striking novelty.
- ROSE ASH—Ashes of roses, a color which has attracted the attention of everyone who has seen it. Flowers 5 inches in diameter, very strong spikes 5 to 6 feet high. Flowers well set on spike. This variety has a great future.....25c each; \$2.50 doz.

- VIRGINIA—A beautiful soft raspberry red, shading to begonia rose in throat. Large wide open flowers well placed on spike. A very charming self color gladiolus.

 15c each; \$1.50 doz.
- WHITE WONDER—Very large white, with faint lavender tints. Fine wide open blooms well placed on long spikes. The plant is a sturdy grower..........25c each; \$2.50 doz.

Choice Gladiolus Mixture

I am offering this year a very choice mixture of Gladiolus made up of Kunderd Colemans, Salbachs, Kemps and other fine growers (all named varieties, not seedlings), particularly adapted for bedding. One hundred of them will give you a wonderful display of color and bloom for the entire summer.

75c per doz.; 50 for **\$3.00**; 100 for **\$5.00**

DAHLIA SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA

GOLD MEDAL





Awarded to

J. L. CALLAGHAN

For Best Display of

CALIFORNIA DAHLIAS

At Dahlia Show of the Alameda County Floral Society Hotel Oakland, August 29 and 30, 1925.

